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SUBJ: UNRWA'S PROBLEMS WITH PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON

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1. UNRWA COMGEN RENNIE, FOLLOWING SEP 7 MEETING WITH
DIR GEN OF LEBANESE PUBLIC SECURITY (ANTOINE DAHDAH,
DIRECTED BY PRES FRANGIE TO HANDLE PROBLEMS ARISING FROM
PALESTINIAN AGITATION AGAINST UNRWA), REPORTS HE WARNED
DIRGEN OF NEED FOR DECISIVE GOL ACTION TO RESOLVE SITUATION
IN WHICH AGENCY FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE CARRY ON NORMAL OPERATIONS
IN LEBANON. SIR JOHN OFFERED TO "DO HIS BEST" TO REINSTATE MORE
THAN HALF OF DISMISSED TEACHERS (PARA 1, BEIRUT 10427) AND TO
CONTRIBUTE, ON MATCHING BASIS FORMULA, WHAT FUNDS HE COULD
SCRAPE UP TOWARD CONSTRUCTION OF WATER WELL AT BURJ ASH SHEMALI
CAMP (BEIRUT A-156). HE HOPES THESE "CONCESSIONS" WILL CAUSE
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PALESTINIAN PASSIONS AROUSED BY FEDAYEEN PROPAGANDA TO ABATE.

HE NOTES, HOWEVER, THEY ARE ONLY "INTERIM MEASURES" WHICH COME NOWHERE NEAR MEETING WILD PALESTINIAN DEMANDS CIRCULATED HERE OVER RECENT WEEKS.

2. AS OF MORNING SEP 11, SIT-IN DEMONSTRATION STILL IN PROGRESS AT UNRWA FIELD OFFICE IN BEIRUT (ALTHOUGH LOCAL STAFF REPORTED FOR WORK), AND AGENCY OFFICES AT SIDON AND TYRE REMAIN OCCUPIED. LOCAL PLO OFFICE, HOWEVER, HAS JUST ISSUED STATEMENT CALLING OFF GENERAL STRIKE AND BOYCOTT OF UNRWA OPERATIONS, AND UNRWA OFFICIALS ARE WAITING TO SEE WHAT RESULTS, IF ANY, THIS PRODUCES. SINCE PLO STATEMENT ALSO INCLUDED ERRONEOUS CLAIM OF "TOTAL VICTORY" FOR PALESTINIAN DEMANDS, WHATEVER IMPROVEMENT TAKES PLACE IN UNRWA-GOL-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS MAY NOT LAST FOR LONG. BUFFUM

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